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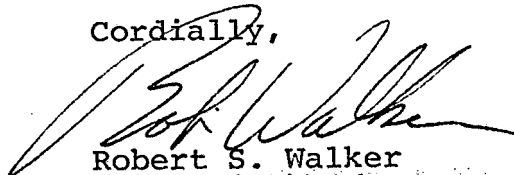
Dear Mr. Bush:

Thank you kindly for your letter of January 13th indicating a desire to have a number of Congressmen visit your Headquarters to meet with senior intelligence officials sometime soon.

Indeed, I look forward to this opportunity with enthusiasm, and welcome a call from your Legislative Counsel's office when arrangements are complete.

With my thanks for your consideration of me,

Cordially,



Robert S. Walker

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Midwest

The Midwest was the only part of the country in which Republicans scored a slight gain in House seats. But it was a narrow one—a single seat, which could rise to two if Mikva lost.

Missouri, where five Democratic open seats provided a tempting target for Republicans, did not do for the GOP what Pennsylvania did for the Democrats in the East. The expected strong showing by the Republican state ticket fizzled as Jimmy Carter carried the state and Gov. Christopher S. (Kit) Bond lost in one of the country's biggest upsets. Only the House seat of the late Democrat Jerry Litton shifted parties, as the personal problems of Democrat Morgan Maxfield converted an early huge Democratic lead into victory for Republican E. Thomas Coleman.

The defeats of incumbents Mezvinsky, Roush and Vander Veen came in the Midwest, but Indiana was not as productive for Republicans as expected. The four Democratic freshmen all won easily, and newcomer David Cornwell narrowly held for the Democrats the seat of the departing Philip H. Hayes.

The Democrats countered Republican gains elsewhere with a two-seat pickup in Ohio, beating Clancy and capturing an open seat while re-electing incumbents Thomas L. Ashley easily and Charles J. Carney narrowly. The presence of a black independent interfered with their good chance to defeat Republican Samuel L. Devine; he edged out a Democrat by only 1,800 votes. Democrats also won new seats in the overwhelmingly Republican delegations of Kansas and Nebraska. Shriver's upset loss and the unexpectedly comfortable 6,000-vote victory of embattled Martha Keys in the 2nd District gave Democrats two of five seats in Kansas. In Nebraska, State Sen. John J. Cavanaugh broke the GOP monopoly in the state's House delegation for the first time in 10 years, while Democrat Edward Zorinsky was taking a U.S. Senate seat.

Democrats Tom Harkin and Alvin J. Baldus demonstrated what Downey showed in New York—how to win by a landslide in a Republican district. Harkin converted a 51 per cent margin in 1974 into a 65-35 victory in the 5th District over Kenneth R. Fulk, a well-known conservative who demonstrated limited appeal. Baldus, a farmer facing the computerized and highly organized campaign of physician Adolf Gunderson in Wisconsin's formerly Republican 3rd District, won by margin of more than 38,000 votes, more than seven times his 1974 victory.

A hard-fought contest to succeed unsuccessful Republican Senate candidate Marvin L. Esch in Michigan gave a narrow 337-vote victory to GOP candidate Carl D.

Pursell in final unofficial returns.

The West remained balanced between the parties. Neither party scored a gain in House seats.

Arizona gave the Democrats their best opportunities for gains in the open seats of John B. Conlan and Sam Steiger. Their chances looked best for Conlan's seat, but Republican Eldon D. Rudd managed a victory by 707 votes. But in the other seat, State Senate President Bob Stump, an old-line "pinto" Democrat, won with surprising ease over a Republican and an independent.

The Democrats beat Talcott in California, but failed to win the open seat vacated by Republican Alphonzo Bell. Ultraconservative Robert K. Dornan easily defeated Democratic businessman Gary Familian in the 27th District, in perhaps the country's nastiest House campaign.

The Republican gains came in Howe's seat in Utah, and in Montana, where Democratic Senate victor John Melcher's seat in the normally Republican eastern part of the state slipped back to the GOP.

In Washington's 2nd District, Republican John Nance Garner could pull a big upset; he is running neck-and-neck with six-term Democrat Lloyd Meeds, who got into trouble with the voters when he failed to take a firm stance against a federal court decision recognizing special rights for Indians in fishing the state's waterways. Garner, a relative and namesake of the late former Vice President, had promised to work to reverse it and help the district's commercial fishermen, who were suffering as a result. The issue had much the same emotional impact that busing did in other states in 1970 and 1972.

Incumbents pulled through in several close races in the region. Democratic freshmen Mark W. Hannaford of California and Timothy E. Wirth of Colorado barely survived challenges from attractive GOP conservatives. Another Californian, Jim Lloyd, won more comfortably over Republican Louis Brutocao in the 35th District.

Robert L. Leggett of California, battered by his admission that he supported two families and was under investigation by the Justice Department on bribery charges, staved off Republican Albert Dehr by just over 700 votes in his heavily Democratic district. In any other circumstances, Dehr would have been merely token opposition to fill the Republican ballot line.

James P. Johnson of Colorado, an independent-minded Republican, won without difficulty in a three-way race over a Democrat and a right-wing independent. The weakest Republican showing by an incumbent was by George Hansen of Idaho, who narrowly defeated Democrat Stan Kress to win a fourth term from the 2nd District.

—By Matt Pinhus

House: Newcomers, Switched Seats, Losers

State	District	Old	New	Winner	Loser	Incumbent
Alabama	5	D	D	Ronnie G. Flipppo	No opposition	Robert E. Jones ²
Arizona	3	R	D	Bob Stump	Fred Koory	Sam Steiger ²
	4	R	R	Eldon D. Rudd	Tony Mason	John B. Conlan ³
Arkansas	2	D	D	Jim Guy Tucker	James J. Kelly	Wilbur D. Mills ²
California	16	R	D	Leon E. Panetta	Burt L. Talcott	Talcott
	23	D	D	Anthony C. Beilenson	Thomas F. Bartman	Thomas M. Rees ²
	27	R	R	Robert K. Dornan	Gary Familian	Alphonzo Bell ³
	40	R	R	Robert E. Badham	Vivian H. Hall	Andrew J. Hinshaw ⁴

State	District	Now	Wins	Incumbent
Delaware	AL	R	R	Thomas B. Evans Jr. <i>Tom</i>
Florida	8	D	D	Samuel L. Shipley
Georgia	8	D	D	Robert Johnson
	9	D	D	Billy Adams
	10	D	D	Louise Wolfford
Hawaii	1	D	D	No opposition
	2	D	D	Fred Rohlfing
Illinois*	15	D	R	Hank Inouye
Indiana	1	D	D	Tim L. Hall
	4	D	R	Robert J. Billings
	8	D	D	J. Edward Roush
Iowa	1	D	R	Belden Bell
Kansas	4	R	D	Edward Mezvinsky
Louisiana	1	D	D	Garner E. Shriver
	5	D	D	Robert L. Livingston
Maryland	3	D	D	Frank Spooner
	8	R	R	Samuel A. Culotta
Massachusetts	7	D	D	Lanny Davis
Michigan	2	R	R	Richard W. Daly
	4	R	R	Edward C. Pierce
	5	D	R	Richard E. Dougherty
	7	D	D	Richard F. Vander Veen
	12	D	D	Robin Widgery
Minnesota	4	D	D	David M. Serolkin
Missouri	2	D	D	Andrew Engebretson
	3	D	D	Robert O. Snyder
	4	D	D	Joseph L. Badaracco
	6	D	R	Richard A. King
	9	D	D	Morgan Moxfield
Montana	2	D	R	J. H. Frappier
Nebraska	2	R	D	Thomas E. Towe
New Jersey	9	D	R	Lee Terry
	14	D	D	Henry Helstoski
New York	20	D	D	Anthony J. Compenni
	23	R	R	Denise Wiseman
North Carolina	3	D	D	J. Edward Meyer
	11	D	D	W. J. (Jack) Blanchard
Ohio	2	R	D	Bruce B. Briggs
	13	R	D	Donald D. Clancy
	18	D	D	Woodrow W. Mathna
	20	D	D	Ralph R. McCoy
Oklahoma	3	D	D	No Republican candidate
	5	R	R	Gerald Beasley Jr.
Pennsylvania	1	D	D	Tom Dunlap
	3	D	D	Samuel N. Fonelli
	8	R	D	Terrence J. Schade
	16	R	R	John S. Renninger
	17	R	D	Michael J. Minney
	18	R	D	H. Joseph Heford
	22	D	D	Robert J. Casey
	23	R	D	Roger Fischer
	24	D	R	Albert W. Johnson
Tennessee	4	D	D	Joseph P. Vigorito
Texas	5	R	D	No Republican candidate
	22	R	D	Nancy Judy
Utah	2	D	R	Ron Paul
Virginia	1	D	R	Allan T. Howe
Washington*	6	D	D	Robert L. Quinn
West Virginia	4	D	D	Robert M. Reynolds
				Nick Joe Rahall
				Ken Hechler
				E.S. (Steve) Goodman
				Pierre S. (Pete) du Pont
				James A. Haley
				W. S. (Bill) Stuckey
				Phil M. Landrum
				Robert G. Stephens Jr.
				Spark M. Matsunaga
				Patsy T. Mink
				Hall
				Ray J. Madden
				Roush
				Philip H. Hayes
				Mezvinsky
				Shriver
				F. Edward Hebert
				Orto E. Passman
				Paul S. Sarbanes
				Gilbert Gude
				Torbert H. Macdonald
				Marvin L. Esch
				Edward Hutchinson
				Vander Veen
				Donald W. Riegle Jr.
				James G. O'Hara
				Joseph E. Karth
				James W. Symington
				Leonor K. Sullivan
				William J. Randall
				Jerry Linton
				William L. Hungate
				John Melcher
				John Y. McCollister
				Helstoski
				Dominick V. Daniels
				Bella S. Abzug
				Peter A. Peyser
				David N. Henderson
				Roy A. Taylor
				Clancy
				Charles A. Mosher
				Wayne L. Hays
				James V. Stanton
				Carl Albert
				John Jarman
				William A. Barrett
				William J. Green
				Edward G. Biester Jr.
				Edwin D. Eshleman
				Herman T. Schneebeli
				H. John Heinz III
				Thomas E. Morgan
				Johnson
				Vigorito
				Joe L. Evans
				Alan Steelman
				Paul
				Howe
				Thomas N. Downing
				Floyd V. Hicks
				Hechler

1. Ran for governor.
2. Retiring.
3. Ran for Senate.
4. Defeated in primary.
5. Deceased.

6. Resigned.
7. Ran for state supreme court.
8. The 10th District race in Illinois is undecided.
9. The 2nd District race in Washington is undecided.